



H.R. 5872 – Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 5872 is being considered on the House floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX) on April 22, 2008. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services but was never considered.

H.R. 5872 is expected to be considered on the House floor on May 6, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 5872 directs the Secretary of the Treasury to mint \$1 coins to celebrate the Boy Scouts of America's centennial. Each coin minted will have "Liberty", "In God We Trust", "United States of America", and "E Pluribus Unum" on the face of the coin.

The Secretary will choose a design after consulting with the Chief Executive of the Boy Scouts and the Commission of Fine Arts. The design will then be reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, which was mandated by Congress in 2003 for the purpose of advising on the themes and design of coins.

The coins will be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities. It is the Secretary's choosing as to value of the coins but each coin will have a \$10 surcharge added in order to contribute to the National Boy Scouts of America Foundation. The money will be used in the form of grants for the extension of Scouting in hard to serve areas.

BACKGROUND

The Boy Scouts of America was granted a Federal charter in 1916 by an Act of the 64th Congress which was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson. The Boy Scouts of America is the largest youth organization in the United States, with 3,000,000 youth members and 1,000,000 adult leaders in the traditional programs of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing. The organization will celebrate its centennial on February 8, 2010.

In the 110th Congress, 248 members of the House of Representatives and the Senate have participated in Boy Scouts of America as Scouts or adult leaders.

COST

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office had not yet scored this legislation.

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